"The spirit of the Clark County Home Rule Charter" – Getting it backwards

The new backwards direction of our county must be corrected. A major step in the wrong direction involved the collusion between the acting county manager, the prosecuting attorney's office (PA), and the council elects weeks before the new council members took office.

None of these had the authority in December 2015 to craft resolutions to overthrow the duly adopted policies of the sitting county legislative body. What kind of assurances were promised in return for such insubordination?

That insubordination was done "in fulfillment of the spirit of the Clark County Home Rule Charter". That spirit of defiance by the acting county manager is literally spelled out in the title of each of those disastrous resolutions.

We’ve witness the misinformation by our PA in recent weeks in our public meetings as they apply a double standard that depends on the political agenda.

Insubordination, misrepresentation, and inappropriate politics has been far too common dealing with our Comp Plan.

False data was published in the DSEIS that grossly inflated the numbers of Alternative 4. Staff is aware that they miscoded 1405 GIS records that resulted in the number of forest lots being erroneously inflated by over 500%. Yet they continue to use that false data to advocate against Alternative 4. The report documenting the error is stored on the county server and at https://www.clark.wa.gov/ /c-g /Alt4CapacityCalculations.pdf

The PA is aware that planning assumptions 1, 2, 3, and 4 were never revealed to this Council or any prior Board. Yet, they continue to falsely state that these were approved by the Council. They unreasonably changed the fundamental facts and inflated the numbers of Alternative 4 before they were given to an unsuspecting Council.

Council Members were prohibited from communicating with Comp Plan consultants while staff advocated for an outcome that resulted in fallacious conclusions being published.

Trusting Council members continue to be misinformed and pressured to disapprove Alternative 4 "to avoid lawsuits". The truth is that every Comp Plan always has been and always will be fought in the courts.

In prior cases, the county fought against the citizens and lost on nearly every count. The only question is: Which side will the county take – for or against the citizens?

The Council’s role is not to represent staff, nor should we yield to the politics of an activist staff or PA. Our role is to diligently work to represent and defend the interests and rights of the citizens.

The executive branch must not trespass upon the legislative branch. It is the responsibility of the County Manager and staff to respect and implement the adopted policies and plans of the citizen representatives.

We’ve got to correct our backwards direction to fix our county government so it works for and not against the citizens and their rights.
David Clark: Let's be absolutely clear: STAFF LIES to the elected officials - that is how they control most government entities. See http://www.debunkingportland.com/politics.html.